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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 23

1 March 1949

1. Members present were as follows:

Dr. Dunn	State
Dr. Appleton	State
Lt. Col. Ruwet	Army
Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Col. Gould	Air Force
Maj. Gamber	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
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2. The Chairman discussed three memoranda received in G/Ba from State concerning the following:

- a. Proper names for Turkish in NIS #27 (Turkey) and in Arabic for NIS #53 (Egypt).
- b. Need for uniform system of Romanizing Korean names in NIS #41 (Korea).
- c. Strategic purpose of NIS.

With regard to 2a and 2b, he stated that geographic names are not the concern of the contributors but of BGN. Gazetteers containing official names for each NIS area will eventually appear. Since names on graphic material are difficult to change, Agencies should, in advance of receipt of the gazetteer, submit to G/Ba ad hoc lists of names to be used on graphics. G/Ba will then obtain clearance of these names from BGN. Names used in textual material should cause Agencies no concern because all textual material will receive name editing from G/Ba before publication.

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With regard to 2c, he stated that the strategic purpose of NIS is set forth in Standard Instructions as being to serve as the basis for strategic planning and highest level operational planning. It has been determined to be infeasible to define the purpose more specifically. However, an analyst who understands the meaning of the terms "strategic planning" and "highest level operational planning" should have no difficulty

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in recognizing his goal. Standard Instructions also designate the type of material to be included under "Strategic Supply Position" and "Strategic Significance" as specifically as it is practicable to do. Under the former, treatment of peacetime as well as wartime potential is called for. Hence, cold war as well as hot war planning is envisioned. A fundamental concept of NIS production is that a great deal of latitude must be left the individual analyst in determining the nature of the material presented and the manner of presenting it. Policy planning in the State Department certainly requires basic intelligence support. State, in its role as section coordinator for the sections of Chapter VI and chapter coordinator for Chapters IV and V, is in a position to see that its own departmental planning requirements receive due consideration.

3. The Chairman stated that OCD has recently received from Agencies short-deadline requests for photographs and has been told that the photographs would be of no use unless received by the deadline indicated. He pointed out that many times OCD does not have the material requested on hand and has to collect it from outside sources. Therefore, Agencies should be anticipatory in submitting their requests so as to allow reasonable time for them to be filled. In any event, should the material not reach the Agency in time to be of use in current production, it will still be of use in the maintenance program.

4. The preparation and submission of contributions for Chapters I was discussed. It was pointed out that Part II, C, 5 of Editorial Instructions places upon the chapter coordinator the responsibility for forwarding to G/Ba the preliminary draft of text and graphic material for this chapter. The method of accomplishing the preparation of this draft will vary with different main chapters and the chapter coordinator must determine such method.

It was the consensus that substantive errors noted in the recently prepared draft of Chapter I of NIS Turkey (Tentative) need not be corrected and that this Chapter I should be used as a prototype only. Copies are to be distributed to the Agencies with indication that they are not to be used as finished intelligence but as prototypes only. Copies with similar indication are to be given the Joint Staff in order that their comment as to the suitability of the prototype may be obtained.

It was decided that the establishment of definite dates for the submission of sections of Chapter I and the preparation of finished preliminary drafts of these should be held in abeyance until the final nature of the above-mentioned prototype has been established.

5. The allocation of responsibility for preparing various portions of Sections 23 (Weather and Climate) as indicated by JMC (Paragraph 3, Minutes of NIS Committee Meeting No. 13, 29 November 1948) was accepted in lieu of that specified in Standard Instructions.

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6. Agencies were requested to adopt the practice of sending their working level personnel to G/Ba to adjust matters which require more than telephonic consultation. It was pointed out that the reason for this request is not arbitrariness and that, when the situation indicates it to be advantageous, G/Ba editors will visit the Agencies. However, since the G/Ba staff is limited and their work load is considerable, it will be to the advantage of the Program to keep these visits to a minimum. Consultation at G/Ba also facilitates any needed reference to the production staff as well as to the editing staff.

7. Removal from JANIS 71-1 (Aviation Supplement, South and Central China) of the following control statement was discussed: "By order of the Joint Intelligence Committee, material in JANIS 71-1 must not be made available to representatives or nationals of any power except the United States and China." It was pointed out that, since the control statement was imposed by the JIC, it cannot be removed without JIC concurrence. Hence, the Air Force Committee Member undertook to seek such concurrence through the Air Force Member of JIC.

8. NIS production for the month of February was reviewed. It was pointed out that only four (4) of twenty-one (21) contributions due in February have been received; but that, in view of the fact that some contributions have been returned for correction and that others will be received the first week in March, the picture is not so bad as it looks. However, since thirteen (13) contributions are scheduled for March and seventeen (17) February contributions have been thrown forward to March, G/Ba will be forced to assume three months ahead of time the burden that was calculated for FY 1950. This places considerable strain on G/Ba, since personnel recruitment to meet the FY 1950 requirements is by no means complete. Also, when Agencies defect the effect is felt not only by G/Ba but also BGN and GPO, which are charged with name editing and publishing, respectively.

9. The Chairman surveyed the general production situation, making the following points:

a. The published NIS represent only one segment of the NIS Program. Of vital importance is the "across the board" collection program which the NIS Program requires. Much of the material being used for NIS production is only old material reworked. What is needed is an intensified collection program to accumulate new and dependable material. Collection is currently probably the weakest aspect of the NIS Program.

b. It appears that much more realignment in the Agencies themselves is required to meet fully the qualitative as well as the quantitative requirements of the NIS Program.

c. Comments on principal sources should frankly and fully point out deficiencies and gaps in information. It is only

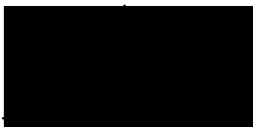
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in this way that those responsible for improving the quantity and quality of information may be impressed with the defective nature of much of our information.

10. Copies of the G/Ba monthly progress report were distributed to members.
11. Tuesday, 15 March 1949, was set for the next Committee meeting.

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